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Olla Podrida.

THERE are already three active Cooper and Cary Clubs in Boston, and a fourth is about to be formed in Bunker Hill District.

PERHAPS the Boston *Herald* is not aware that Wendell Phillips is a permanent institution in this country who is as extensively known as it is. Something more than assertion is necessary to make people believe that his character for truth and veracity is not good.

THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE of the Independent Greenback party had a meeting in Cotton Hall last Wednesday afternoon and organized by electing Charles McLean Chairman, A.B. Currier Secretary and E. M. Chamberlin Treasurer. D. W. Hull, C. Vincent McConologue and Chas. H. Fernald were appointed committee on Printing. Speeches were made for and against the support of John I. Baker for Governor, but it was concluded as his sentiments were not definitely known on the Cooper and Cary issue to leave the voters free to vote for whom they please on the State ticket.

THE prospects are that John I. Baker the prohibitory candidate for Governor will carry a heavy vote this fall. We have no interest in prohibition—indeed we believe it a mistaken policy, yet we shall prefer Mr. Baker to either of the other candidates—simply because he is a man more approachable by the people. Adams is an aristocrat and Rice is but little better, and we can have no choice for Governor unless we accept Baker, to do which we must accept an issue that is not in harmony with our views. We had rather have a good man with a mistaken policy than a bad man with a good policy.

AFTER the first of Jan., 1879, and the redemption of greenbacks promised at that time, there will be no legal tender money but gold, and those who cannot produce gold to pay debts will be sold out. No money will be lawful at sheriff's sales but gold. Farms and houses and goods will be sold for a song. There is a good time coming for those who own gold or mortgages. There is a time of ruin coming for those who owe debts.—*Irish World*.

This is exactly the issue before the American people to-day. It is whether they shall be allowed to "buy and sell" or not. It is whether they shall have food and clothing or starve and go naked. It is whether our

real-estate shall pass into the hands of a few and we become serfs, or freemen on a free soil. Good God! men of America, don't you see that the dearest interests you have—all that makes life worth living for are at stake in this issue?

THE *Herald* denies that it is a Tilden paper. It goes for the best men of all parties, but sometimes it makes mistakes. When the *Herald* manifests a disposition to be just to all parties and persons, we can have faith in its pretensions. It not only refused to give publicity to a call of the Independent party for a State convention, but it knowingly told a villainous falsehood about it, and when the platform had been read in convention, it absolutely shut it out of its columns as also did the other papers in Boston. Men who can't argue a principle down will frown it down. Mr. *Herald* give us some evidence of your Independence, and we will believe you.

THERE are yet two more numbers of the CRUCIBLE to be issued before the election and as we want many eyes opened as possible, we propose to make it as red hot for the next two weeks. Those persons wishing to send the paper to friends, should order as many copies as they want before we go to Press. To all such we will furnish them at two-and-one-half cts each, or we will send them from our office for one additional cent for postage. After election we shall occasionally refer to the subject, but not so often as we have of late, and when this issue succeeds, we expect to drop out of politics again.

By the act of adding 10 per cent to the weight of gold with which we are to pay the bondholder, Congress takes two hundred millions of dollars out of the pockets of the laboring people, and gives it to the bondholder. This amounts to five dollars per head for the whole population of the United States, and as every laboring man is supposed to represent a family of five persons, it amounts to twenty-five dollars for each laborer. Now if any one can tell us how it is right for Congress to go into the streets of Boston, and throttle a laborer working on it at starving prices, take twenty-five dollars out of his pocket (or out of his wages which is the same) and carry it to State street and give it to a banker there, we should be glad to hear him. The bondholder not only

draws interest three ways but he has 10 per cent of weight added to his gold when it is returned.

THERE has never been an issue since we were boys that has been so interesting to us as the one raised by the Cooper party. On the issue of the slavery question we were both intensely interested, because it was a question of personal liberty to the slave. When that issue was settled our interest in politics died away, and we have neither of us took interest enough to vote except on a few occasions, where some man who was better than his party, was running. Now there is a new issue. It is a question of bread and butter whether our earnings shall drop into the coffers of the monied aristocracy on Wall St. and Europe, whether we shall become serfs, and whether our children shall starve. When the issue presents itself in the shape it now does, it is a matter of religious duty with us, and we should be ashamed of our dereliction in all after life, if we had not improved this opportunity.

WE call attention to the Platform of the Independent Greenback Party, Massachusetts, published in this paper. It was suppressed from all the reports of the Boston dailies, for what reason may be inferred by a reference to the principles set forth in those resolutions. It has always been a rule with all classes of persons and societies opposed to reform, to suppress every thing that will have a tendency to open the eyes of the people. It is easier to control the minds and votes of people who are ignorant of any governmental wrong than it is of those who have had a glimpse of what is going on inside of the Ring. The principles set forth in those resolutions would have wakened somebody up and started thought on the subject. If these papers knew the principles of the Independent Party were wrong, and they knew just how to set forth that wrong, they would be glad to give both sides a hearing, and to this end they would invite discussion on the subject. It is a little singular that while they expel the Independent speakers and writers from the press and rostrum they are perfectly willing to avail themselves of any liberties we have a mind to give them. In New York city both the Democrats and Republicans make free use of the Cooper Institute to hold their meetings in while they expel Cooder and his friends from every press and rostrum over which they have any control.

Selected Poetry.

[From the Indianapolis Sun.]

CENTENNIAL GREENBACK SONG.

BY MAQUE.

In seventeen seventy-six our father fought to free
Themselves and their posterity, from British tyr-
anny.

And now, a hundred years since then, we vow to
ever be

True independents forever.

Hurrah! Hurrah! We'll see the Greenbacks
through,

Hurrah! Hurrah! Its principles are true,
Never waver in the fight, although we num-
ber few,

Greenbacks and Cooper forever.

The boys in blue the Union saved, and placed the
starry flag

In every State where treason made its supereilious
brag,

And Uncle Samuel paid them off in the green
"printed Rag,"

Union and Greenbacks forever.

Hurrah! etc.

The bankers stayed at home and bought the nation's
bonds with gold,

At forty cents and now get it in seven fold—

The soldier and his family are left out in the cold,
Banks will enslave us forever.

Hurrah! etc.

But now the soldier and his friend, the honest work-
ingman,

Have looked into the evil until they it understand.
They swear by Peter Cooper and the Indiana Plan,

Bondholders chains they will sever.

Hurrah! etc.

So rally to the contest, boys, get ready for the fray,
Prepare yourselves for earnest work—there is no
time to play,

The ballots must be gathered in on that November
day,

Greenbacks and Cooper forever.

Hurrah! etc.

~~Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!~~

THE MASS. INDEPENDENT CON-
VENTION.

The Convention which met in Cotton Hall
the 11th, inst., elected a Central Committee,
consisting of the following persons:

Charles McLean of Boston, Joel P. Hewins of
Sharon, Dyer D. Lum of Northampton, Frederick
Robinson of Marblehead, Col. Geo. W. Clark of
Boston, Wm. McLaughlan of Milford, F. R. Ladd
of Springfield, Orville A. Grant of Spencer, M. V.
Tripp of Hudson, John Orvis of Jamaica Plain,
Thomas Ranny of Newton, Henry B. Maglathlin of
Duxbury, F. A. Metcalf of Charlesown, C. C.
Mayberry of Lynn, E. M. Chamberlin, A. B. Cur-
rier J. M. Devine and D. W. Hull of Boston, J.
M. Winslow of Stoneham, J. C. McCreedy of Cam-
bridge, Charles E. Thompson of Malden, Nathan
Beal of Rockland, N. W. Stoddard of Brocton, C.
Vincent McConologue, A. Brown Wilson and D.
J. King of Boston.

After which an electoral ticket was put in
nomination, consisting of the following per-
sons:

AT LARGE.—E. M. Chamberlin, and A. B. Cur-
rier of Boston.

1ST DIST.—Caleb Hammond of New Bedford.

2ND DIST.—Jonathan Arnold of Abington.

3RD DIST.—C. Vincent McConologue of Boston.

4TH DIST.—Charles McLean of Boston.

5TH DIST.—A. C. Robinson of Lynn.

6TH DIST.—Frederick Robinson of Marblehead.

7TH DIST.—Asa F. Hall of Hudson.

8TH DIST.—N. E. Chass of Alstead.

9TH DIST.—Orville A. Grant of Spencer.

10TH DIST.—A. A. Brown of North Adams.

11TH DIST.—Dyer D. Lum, Northampton.

The following resolutions were then
adopted by the convention.

Resolved, That the Independent Greenback party
of the State of Massachusetts indorse the principles
laid down by the National Convention held in the
city of Indianapolis May 17, 1876, as follows:

"THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENT PLATFORM."

"The Independent Party is called into existence
by the necessities of the people whose industries are
prostrated, whose labor is deprived of its just re-
ward as the result of the serious mismanagement of
the national finances, which errors both the Repub-
lican and Democratic parties neglect to correct.
In view of the failure of these parties to furnish
relief to the depressed industries of the country,
thereby disappointing the just hopes and expecta-
tions of a suffering people, we declare our princi-
ples and invite all independent and patriotic men to
join our ranks in this movement for financial re-
form and industrial emancipation.

"*First*—We demand the immediate and uncon-
ditional repeal of the specie resumption Act of
January 14, 1875, and the rescue of our industries
from the disaster and ruin resulting from its en-
forcement, and we call upon all patriotic men to
organize in every Congressional district of the coun-
try, with the view of electing Representatives to
Congress who will legislate for, and a Chief Mag-
istrate who will carry out, the wishes of the people
in this regard, and thus stop the present suicidal
and destructive policy of contraction.

"*Second*—We believe that United States Notes
issued by the Government, and convertible on de-
mand into United States obligations, bearing an
equitable rate of interest (not exceeding one cent
a day on one hundred dollars), and interchangeable
with United States Notes at par, will afford the
best circulating medium ever devised; such United
States Notes should be a full legal tender for all
purposes except for the payment of such obliga-
tions as are by existing contracts expressly made
payable in coin. And we hold that it is the duty
of the Government to provide such a circulating
medium, and we insist that the paper must be suppressed and
the circulation restored to the nation, to whom it
belongs.

"*Third*—It is the paramount duty of the Gov-
ernment in all its legislation to keep in view the
full development of all legitimate business, agricul-
tural mining, manufacturing and commercial.

"*Fourth*—We most earnestly protest against any
further issue of gold bonds, for sale in foreign mar-
kets, by means of which we would be made, for a
longer period, hewers of wood and drawers of water
for foreign nations, especially as the American
people would gladly and promptly take at par all
the bonds the Government may need to sell, pro-
vided they are made payable at the option of the
holder, although bearing interest at three and sixty-
five one-hundredths per cent. per annum, or even
lower rate.

"*Fifth*—We further protest against the sale of
Government bonds for the purpose of buying silver,
to be used as a substitute for our more convenient
and less fluctuating fractional currency, which,
although well calculated to enrich the owners of
silver mines, yet in operation will still further op-
press through taxation an already overburdened
people."

And we further *Resolve*, That it is the duty of
the Government to pay all its obligations according
to the original contracts and all supplemental acts
which imposes a greater burden upon the people,
should be repealed.

Resolved, That we demand the repeal of the act
of 1873 by which the silver dollar, which has been
a full legal tender for all debts, both public and
private, from 1792 to Feb. 12, 1873, was dropped
from our list of coins, and so restore to us the silver
dollar, and that its free coinage should be encour-
aged to enable the Government to pay its coin obli-
gations in silver, as it has a right to do under the
original contracts, and that the conspiracy of the
money kings of the world to increase the value of
all bank notes, bonds, mortgages and credits by

making them payable in gold alone may be over-
thrown. This conspiracy adds millions of dollars
to our national debt.

Resolved, That it is our firm belief that Congress
can, at its pleasure, cause Treasury notes to be, and
remain as valuable as gold: to do this, let the Gov-
ernment so amend the law as to make them receiv-
able for all forms of taxes, duties and debts; and at
the same time interchangeable with Government
bonds at a low rate of interest.

Resolved, That we demand the immediate reform
of abuses in civil service through which the patron-
age of the Government is dispensed as a reward for
partisan services rather than with regard to the pub-
lic necessities.

Resolved, That we demand a reduction of all
public expenditures to the end that taxation may be
reduced to the lowest possible limits.

Resolved, That we demand the reserving of the
public lands, the heritage of the people, for actual
settlers; not another acre for Railroad speculators.

Resolved, That we recognize in the great philan-
thropist, and the working-man's friend, HON. PE-
TER COOPER of New York, our candidate for Pres-
ident, and HON. SAMUEL F. CARY, of Ohio, our
candidate for Vice President, all the elements of
greatness and worth required to represent the in-
terests of the productive and industrial classes of
our nation, and that their election will insure pros-
perity to the depressed condition of the business of
our country, and that we pledge ourselves to their
earnest support.

Resolved, That finding no clause in either the
Democratic or Republican Platforms, tending to
alleviate the depressed condition of the business in-
terests of the country, and finding and that the
principles of the Independent party coincide with
our views, we promise our undivided support and
ask the assistance of all who have the interest of
the country at heart.

NORTH WESTERN CONFERENCE.

We have just closed our three day's quar-
terly meeting and I believe it is universally
conceded that we never had a better or more
harmonious and interesting one. In the ab-
sence of Pres. Orvis, Dr. Severance was
chosen to preside, which was a wise selec-
tion. Engaged Speakers, Susie M. Johnson
Capt. H. H. Brown and Dr. Severance the
attendance although small at first, constantly
increased in numbers and interest till the
close, Sunday night, when our large Hall
was well filled with an attentive audience
to listen to the closing address by Capt.
Brown. Subject "Chemistry of Character."
It was a fine effort; the lecture was well re-
ceived. Capt. Brown is a fine logician, mod-
est, yet radical going to the root of every
thing he speaks upon. He was well liked
Susie M. Johnson's lectures were listened to
with marked attention being deep, logical
and argumentative. Dr. Severance out-did
herself in her practical common sense lecture.
She won many friends who had previously
been prejudiced on account of her socialism.
To hear is to admire her. The meeting
was a success beyond our most sanguine ex-
pectations. The following officers were
elected for the ensuing year.

Pres., Dr. J. H. Severance of Milwaukee;
Vice Pres., S. M. Brown of Ripon; Sec'y.,
Dr. J. C. Phillips of Omro; Treas., J. Wood-
ruff of Ripon. A vote of thanks was given
to the Speakers, to Messrs. Bridge & Son for
use of organ, to the people of Omro for

hospitality, to the officers of the convention, and to Dr. Phillips and family for singing, when the convention adjourned to meet in Ripon Dec. 15, 16, 17, 1876. And now I would say to the friends of Reform in Northern Wis., let us lay aside our past differences, and come up to the work before we are compelled to. Let each one come to Ripon prepared to contribute what they feel able—not let the burden fall on the few.

DR. J. H. SEVERANCE, *Pres.*

DR. J. C. PHILLIPS, *Sec'y*

OMRO WIS. Oct. 2nd 1876.

Correspondence.

MANIFESTO AND CALL.

Co-Operation, Brotherhood, Reform,

The Undersigned, realizing the pressing needs of the time—that the financial and moral status of the laboring and producing classes is at a lower point than ever before, hereby proclaim their conviction that a movement should at once be made towards practical co-operation, in order to head off destitution, and all the dreaded evils sure to follow in its train.

The first fundamental declaration of our system of government is, that individuals have the right to LIFE. Not through idleness, waste, or violation of nature's laws so much as because the means of supporting physical life are unjustly withheld, after we have earned them, are we impoverished and our lives imperiled; therefore we deem it justifiable, and the wisest form of rebellion to organize for self-defence, on the first right of human nature, and no longer yield unwilling tribute to iniquitous systems purposely framed to make the rich richer, and the poor poorer.

We recognize the sad fact that modern society in this country is based on the idea and practice of self-indulgence and self-aggrandisement, no matter at whose expense. The idea of Brotherhood, as embodied in the Golden Rule, is nowhere recognized in our laws, nor seen an active element in our politics, our social and commercial dealings, or in our religion. And the great redemptive idea of LOVE wanders to-day up and down in the earth, like Noah's fabled dove, scarcely finding rest for the sole of her foot in society at large.

The giant tree of Usury, after one-hundred years of growth, bud and blossom, has at length fruited in vast monopolies, which control politics, legislation, vitiate commercial and social dealings, crush and enslave the subject masses, and even attempt to throttle civil and religious freedom itself.

Under these conditions, we the creators of wealth, find ourselves bound hand and foot by customs at variance with true equity, and at war with principles of human brotherhood, which principles we believe do embody the true and only elements of human happiness and progress.

Therefore the only alternative left us, is to separate ourselves from these "entangling alliances," come out from among them, and organize upon a platform where it will be possible to practice the Golden Rule without thereby impoverishing ourselves, and by which we can obtain that happiness in the

present, and that security for the future which we have never heretofore enjoyed.

The ideas on which it is proposed to found are not yet fully formulated, but the following are some of the more prominent.

1st. A unitary or co-operative home, where subsistence, shelter, and perhaps other absolute necessities of life, shall be guaranteed at the smallest possible cost.

2nd. An Intelligence office to facilitate finding work for the unemployed.

3rd. An Educational and Reform Bureau, and also a Disciplinary and conversation Club, to instruct members in social duties and to afford mental culture and knowledge of the primary principles of Social Science, Aesthetics, Music, Spiritual exercises, etc. as means and leisure permit.

4th. Establishment of co-operative systems of exchange, in the shape of stores, factories, etc.

5th. A Detective and Moral Police service, for the rescue of the young of both sexes from vice and crime.

6th. A Bureau of Public Instruction, to inform the minds of people at large as to the true principles of living.

P. W. HYDE.

A. B. DAVIS.

M. A. TOWNE.

Parties wishing further information can Address "A. M. Bureau of Reforms," Worcester, Mass. *Enclose stamp.*

SOCIAL REFORMERS TO THE FRONT!

A few weeks ago an article appeared in the CRUCIBLE, calling attention to the Miller-Strickland Defence,—being the argument of Leo Miller in defense of himself vs. the state of Minnesota, on the charge of "Lewdly and lasciviously cohabiting" with Mattie Strickland.

I have just read the "Argument" and consider it the best "campaign document as the politicians say, that I have seen. It shows up the marriage institution as it is when honest consciences people see and understand what legal marriage involves, it will be held in the execration it deserves. The world is in a transition state, and we are fast approaching a crisis in this social question. A few brave souls are doing picket duty, and no man or woman is worthy the name of "Social Reformer" who does not stand by them to the extent of their ability. This is not a question of persons, but of principles. It is simply the question of whether we, and every body else has the right to order our social lives in accordance with the dictates of our own consciences, providing we infringe on no one's prerogative. Just this and nothing more. Of course those who step aside from the beaten path will be made the target for all the sharp shooters of church and state. Do we propose to stand idly by and see them driven to the wall and their cause defeated for the time being. If so, our children will be left to re-enact the same drama—tragedy it may be. The topic is now up for discussion and adjustment. If we are not craven cowards, our voices and influence will be felt on the side of Freedom, Justice and the everlasting Right.

As one of the best means of agitation and of spreading the truth on this vital subject, I suggest that every one who believes men and women have a right to the same freedom in regard to their affectional natures, that is claimed and universally conceded, in

the exercise of their religious faculties, procure as many copies of the work in question, for gratuitous distribution as their means will warrant. They will thus accomplish the double end of spreading light and aiding to carry on the defense before the Superior court.

Whatever may be the immediate outcome of this matter, rest assured that no decision will be accepted as a finality which is not grounded on the sure foundation of man's inalienable right to the broadest freedom in all relations of life. The world has yet to learn that *freedom does not mean license*. My right to think my own thoughts and live my own life without interference or molestation, can by no possibility give the shadow of a privilege to interfere with the rights of the humblest man or woman on the earth. Every true reformer will respect his neighbor's right as well as maintain his own. The world's greatest need to-day is light, *more light*. Let us then circulate these documents. The Defense may be ordered of Mattie Strickland, St. Johns Mich. Single copy 20 cents, three copies 50 cts.

D. M. ALLEN.

So. Newberry Ohio.

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A WORD TO WEALTHY WOMEN.

When one woman is crushed by man-made laws, all others of her sex are in danger. Let women sustain each other with a woman's unselfish devotion, and all may soon be free. Hannah L. Marsh, proprie-

tor of the Bushkill Falls and adjoining property near Bushkill P. O., Pike Co., Pa.—who for nearly eight years has been struggling against the combined efforts of a gang of covetous mountain ruffians to deprive her of this grandly romantic spot in Nature's garden whose value they had not appreciated until she had secured it, is now in danger of losing it under the Sheriff's hammer, in consequence of a most unjust decision by a so-called "court of justice" (whose Judge, between court hours, seemed unusually intimate with one of her bitterest enemies) in a case where her agent and co-worker Mr. Wicked in building up a unitary home of freedom was found guilty of a misdemeanor, for tearing down a fence which had been maliciously built across her own road by her enemies for the evident purpose of preventing visitors from reaching the Falls, where their payments for admission formed a large part of her yearly income.

Should the sale take place, this beautiful and invaluable property would probably fall into the hands of her masculine enemies at a nominal price, and she be turned out of house and home as a begger, unless some of her friends should come forward in time to save it. Let *Woman* take the lead, and save her suffering sister from man's rapacity

ROBERT SINNICKSON.

THE REAL QUESTION.

BY THE HERMIT.

TO THE EDITOR OF HULL'S CRUCIBLE:

You will, I am sure, allow me the space for a few remarks on your paragraph, in your issue of Oct. 7th in regard to my poem. I do not perceive why you should call my statement "the *other side* of the social question," on which I have never joined issue. The poem is strictly historical and descriptive of facts; and it advocates no "side" of any theory.

You err again, when you say:

"The case is a plain one: Myra loved one to whom she had no lawful right, and in the opinion of the Hermit she sinned in that love."

Myra is not blamed for her love; but her deception and perfidy are deplored. She secretly, and by deception, cohabited with a man four years, and when exposed she declared she never loved him. And, then three years after, she secretly formed a love-alliance with another man who had a wife and seven children, and with him she left a good home which the hermit had legally provided for her, never more to return. Hence, it seems to me, you have mistated the question when you say:

"The only question is, whether her love, which she could not help, was wrong, or whether society, and its laws, were wrong in denouncing that element that God had created with her, and in her nature."

Her "love" is not in question; but her conduct is. Now do you mean to be under-

stood as maintaining, that Myra and all, acting as they did, "could not help" their deceptive conduct?

And you extend this fallacy by adding—

"Had she not loved, she would not have been a woman: had she loved under the direction of man-made institutions, it would have been man-made laws, and, therefore, not divine."

And why do you not put it thus?

"If Myra had not acted the deceptive part she did, she would not have been a woman!" For all this your language implies. And why do you call the love of one "man-made," and that of another "divine," when you believe that God does the whole or nothing?

It seems to me that—

Eternal elements divide
Between the right and wrong of things:
To TRUTH there is but this one side,
The light, from which all goodness springs.

The joy that comes to us, the pain,
The horror in full view of crime;
The love-relations we sustain,
Render your joys and sorrows, mine!

Thus, justice comes to each we know,
And so, of Truth, and goodness too;
For these from these relations flow,
In the duties each one should do.

October, 7.

[NOTE.—If we, in our remarks last week, have done the Hermit an injustice, it was unintentional on our part, and we are sorry for it. We did not think that the Hermit looked upon her illegitimate cohabitation with other parties as the primary sin. But as her deception was the legitimate result of our laws and the rules of society, we feel that the real sin lies at the door of society for enforcing this secrecy. Morally, Myra was under no obligations to publish her liaisons, nor should she have kept them secret. We believe the Hermit would have been the last person to persecute her, had he have known it; yet the regulations of society such that she might even fear to make a confidant of her truest and best friend. We are glad the Hermit has been called out; for it will set many readers right who otherwise might have misunderstood the real import of the poem. Eds.]

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D. W. HULL, Associate Editor.

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RAMBLING REMINISCENCES.

"This gun hangs fire." Our trial is apparently no nearer its commencement now than it was three months ago: it may be nearer—it's coming, so is Christmas, and Christmas and New Years will get here first. Last Saturday at 10, o'clock we received a notice that we must be at Bridgeton to plead, and have our bail ready to renew before 12 o'clock. That seemed simply, as the Mes-sourion said, "on-possible". We were to get

a livery team, hunt up bondsmen and drive twelve miles all within two hours or our bail was forfeited. We however hired a team and got into a carriage with our friend and brother, Elvira's lover, Dr. D. W. Allen, and found ourself stepping into the Court House door, just ten minutes before the clock hands pointed to high twelve. But alas! we were too late; the Court had adjourned, we only had the satisfaction of knowing that we must bring bondsmen and appear in open Court on Monday Oct. 16, at 10, o'clock. Then the prosecution puts off the trial until January. Thus it is discovered that they are going to put us to all the expense and all the *suspense* possible.

But there never was an unmitigated evil, even

"Death is but a kindly frost,
Which cracks the shell,
And leaves the kernal room to germinate."

As we had a few moments to spare in Bridgeton, we decided to lock up some of the greenback men and hear what they had to say. We found them all alive, and anxious that we should deliver a speech before them. We left an appointment, and on Monday night talked near two hours to a large and enthusiastic meeting of working-men—greenbackers. This advertised us, so that the greenback men of Shiloh wanted us there, and there we had a far more enthusiastic meeting than in Bridgeton, some thirty of the new converts took the pledge to vote for Cooper and Cary, this in turn has given us other invitations, until now it is quite likely that we will spend the balance of October nursing the rag baby.

By the way, was'nt it a *miraculous conception*—that rag baby? Just think, we had a terrible war on our hands—a regular family quarrel; gold like a coward, fled before the soldiers bullets, we were in a terrible condition; Slave drivers had got their hands on the throat of the nation, its best friends feared it could not live! Drs. Lincoln and Stevens were called to administer to it! They delivered it of the rag baby! The Child was baptized in blood and named Greenback! What a Child it was, within one Month it lighted the fires in every forge it set every spindle to whirling, it sent the miners down into the mines to delve for iron, lead, copper, zinc, silver and gold. It unfurled the sails from ships already built and launched a hundred new ones. It put well fed, well paid and well clothed soldiers into the field, who marched to the battle-fields, carrying muskets which were so bright they dazzled the eyes of beholders, and singing.

"We're coming, father Abraham,
Three hundred thousand more."

*This baby grew to be strong and athletic, it gave us a united North and South, it kept every man, woman and child at work, and sent our products to foreign markets. This land from Maine to Calafornia, was one

grand workshop under command of the rag baby, until it chanced to meet one Benedict Arnold, called Hugh McCulloch, who opened an artery. Oh, that was a fearful wound! the child's blood flowed out, the fires went out on seven hundred forges, workmen to the number of over one million left their shops and *tramped* from place to place, mourning over the loss of the rag baby. Its enemies think it will die, and have appointed the first day of January 1879, as the time for its interment. That will be a day of jubilee for our masters. Our President says: "It will only injure the debtor class." Statistics show that to be only *ninety-five* per cent. Our homes, our all will go into the hands of five per cent of the Shylocks of this nation, who will rejoice in all the benefits, and have but few of the evils that attended Southern slavery! GOD, SAVE THE RAG BABY!!!

Our meetings in Vineland are well attended and full of interest, but as for the money, it "arn't thar." The robbers have got it! So we work for about nothing.

Vineland has recently had some excitement on Spiritualism. One Bishop, came here in answer to a call signed by four ministers—pastors of Churches, to kill Spiritualism. But he left the ministers to say: "We brought thee here to curse our enemies but lo! thou hast blessed them altogether." He satisfied some, of his ability to *curse*, but not to *curse* Spiritualism—of his ability to put *spirit* down, but the *spirits* were too much for him. Indeed he proved himself to be an *ardent* Spiritualist. It is generally conceded that the ministers calling Mr. Bishop, was an acknowledgement of their failure, though they have often tried to stop the growth of Spiritualism. By the way Rev. Randall, who was our chief opponent last Spring, has left here and gone to Providence; what Providence has done that it should have such an infliction, we cannot say.

We are to have a two days debate next week with Mr. Hurn, the man who photographed Mrs. Holmes, Katie King, and made the adverse report concerning the strong onions they have in heaven. Katie's breath was too much for him, that was a materialization so convincing to the olfactories that the other senses took offense. M. H.

TOM AND JACK.

"A bust of Tom Paine, which was chiselled by Morse, will soon be placed in Independence Hall, Philadelphia. Several addresses will be delivered on the occasion and a poem will be read by Walt Whitman.—Philadelphia *Inquirer*."

The editor of the *Inquirer* is hereby informed that the name of the gentleman whose bust is to be placed in Independence Hall, is not Tom Paine, but *Thomas* Paine. How long will it take editors to arise enough to a sense of respect for heroes of the past, who happened to differ from the prevailing

orthodoxy of their times, to write their names in full. What would these same editors think of us, if we were to write about Tom, the fellow who would not believe unless he could thrust his hand into Jesus' side? It sounds as well to cultivated persons to hear of old Pete, who cursed and swore, at the time Jesus was arrested, as it does to hear of Tom Paine. Then there is Old Abe, the father of the faithful Jake, who with his sons went down into Egypt. Joe, who was sold into Egypt. Suppose we speak of Sal, Abe's old woman and of Jack the Baptist.

Who could judge from the above who "Morse" is? How easily it would have been for this editor to have told of a bust of Thomas Paine, the hero, made by Mr. Sidney H. Morse, the talented young Free Religionist, who attained notoriety as Editor of the *Radical*, a Monthly Magazine, published in Boston. Had he done this he would at once imparted information to the people and represented himself as a gentleman.

WAYSIDE PENCILLING.

When I left New England I had hoped to enjoy a few balmy October days in Vineland, but imagine my surprise yesterday morning, Oct. 15th to discover that the snow had fallen and the wind was blowing a perfect gale. Seldom if ever, have I known the mercury to fall so low in N. E. at this time of the year as it has been in Vineland the last twenty-four hours.

I have no items of interest to communicate to our readers in this number, concerning the trial, as it has been postponed until the January term of Court. This morning—Monday—Moses goes before the grand jury to plead "not guilty" to the charge of adultery. The meeting was not so largely attended as usual, owing probably to the disagreeableness of the weather.

It is uncertain whether Moses speaks here during the remainder of the month or returns East. He is doing something in the political field, but "there isn't millions" in the "poor man's party" and his lectures bring small remunerations. If he makes appointments elsewhere next Sunday, probably I shall hold forth in Cosmopolitan Hall.

It is nearly time for the mail to leave and I must forward this or it will be too late for this week's insertion.

We are struggling against fearful odds but are determined to "Stand by the Ship" MATTIE.

TILDEN, A WALL ST. SPECULATOR.

The following item we clip from a Wall Street paper. It shows where Tilden's heart is:

"The records of more than one firm in Wall street show that during the period from 1857 to

1865, including the 'flushiest' times of the war, Gov. Tilden was an active and heavy speculator in the stocks and bonds of certain railway companies, and that a large portion of his enormous wealth was acquired in this manner. The books of one house alone show that in three months of April, May and June, 1864, he sold through their agency, over \$413,000 worth of different stocks, on which he realized the largest profits. On a single item, 800 shares Chicago and Galena stock, he netted in three days over ten thousand dollars in cash. On the 11th of June he received a check for \$50,000 as his share of the proceeds on certain speculations in Chicago and Northwestern and other stocks in which he was then engaged. Said a gentleman who bought and sold stock for him during the period: "In the years 1862, 1863 and 1864 Mr. Tilden could not have made less than from \$200,000 to \$300,000 in the street."

Here's your President—a man, who swindled the people out of \$300,000 in two years. How do you like him? Remember that in the three years 1862–1865, a large amount of this profit was realized by the fluctuations in the gold market. This was realized by depreciation of American paper during the war.

In case of a defeat of our army, when the hopes of the confederates began to loom up, and confidence of success gave way to despair in the loyal heart of America, the prices of American paper went down, and as it depreciated in value, Railroad Stocks sunk correspondingly. Anon the Rebel army would suffer defeat when American paper would rise.

Thus it was that these very patriotic people speculated both in our adversities and necessities. And when Samuel J. Tilden, during the war made three hundred thousand dollars, he made one half of it out of our adversities as he bought his stocks on the decline, and the other half out of our successes as he sold on the rise. This money was *coined* out of the blood of the fathers, brothers and sons of the voters, whose sufferings he has the effrontery to ask—the soldiers who fell at Bull Run at Appotomax in the Wilderness and other places.

While our soldiers were in the field, this man Tilden, was by his representatives in Wall St. and while the pious Daniel Drew fervently prayed for a defeat of the Union army that stocks might take a tumble downwards, or that the price of gold might rise, his wish was no less fervent, and as the prices reached the lowest point he wished that there might be a success out of which he could make profits. No matter that these battles send a pang of sorrow into thousands of homes throughout the country, his profits were certain. The man who will wait for his neighbors to kill each other and then rifle their pockets, is a contemptible sneak and coward compared to whom the brigand is a high-toned gentleman. Carrion-birds will sit on the fence and trees waiting for an old horse to die that they may surfeit on his flesh, and this man Tilden waited in Wall street for a reversal, first of the Northern

army, and then the Southern army that he might transmute the very groans and sobs of the bereaved mothers and wives into gold. Dogs when they have feasted on Carrion wipe their muzzles on the grass to appear respectable; but the taint of their obnoxious diet is upon their breath. This man Tilden fattens upon the blood of our soldiers and he finds hundreds of persons to assist him in giving an air respectability to his dark, and damnable deeds. Vote for Tilden! How dare he ask you to vote for him?

D. W. H.

GOLD AND BANKRUPTCY.

We wish it was possible to get our hard money editors and politicians into a discussion of this financial question. They evidently betray the weakness of their cause, by their actions towards us. Such epithets as "Rag-Baby," "Inflationist" are only used where nothing better can be had. Those who use them go upon the principle of the schoolboy who, when he found he could not whip one of his mates sought his revenge by making faces at his sister. When we appeal to our politicians concerning the question, they talk in a very dignified way about the "nation's honor," as if we had no duty to be honorable to tax payers, soldiers, or any body but bondholders.

Now, who are these men who are talking about the "Nation's honor"? One would think they were men who would shrink from anything having the appearance of dishonor. Not so! They are the "Credit Mobilier" swindlers, the Back Pay-Stealers, The Pacific Railroad Thieves etc., etc. They are the men who promised to pay the national debt in the same currency they paid the soldiers, and then resolved specie payment; they are the men who in a clandestine manner demonetized silver which formed a part of our specie. Such being the characters of those who are talking about specie-payment, we have little room for confidence in their pretensions of honesty. We know they only talk for effect.

Suppose now that we pay our national debt in specie, what then? Did you ever think what the result would be with all our Greenback, and National bank notes retired from circulation, and fifty millions of people left with but forty-seven millions of silver currency with which to do all the business of the whole country, and sums over \$5 of even that, demonetized, so that no one could make purchases exceeding \$4.99 with it. The gold once in the vaults of the Bondholders would hardly reach the common people again without extorting a ruinous rate of interest. The result would be American paper would be sold to secure this money, as it was during the war, for just such prices, as the gold-holder should be willing to give. In thirty days from the

time that our paper and all other money should be thrown out of circulation our bonds would be thrown into the market for ten cents on the dollar, and a national debt of ten times as much as the present one would be transmitted to posterity.

Farmers and mill owners would mortgage their property to money lenders and in a very few years one hundred men would own every foot of land in the United States, and every man woman and child would become a serf.

Of course a speedy payment of the debt is not contemplated because such a thing is impossible. But the longer it is delayed the harder it will be to pay it. We only pay our national debt until our paper currency is retired, at any rate. Then we must stop, or borrow gold of the capitalist, giving him our bonds for it at his own price, and thus increase our national debt each time.

There is no way, there can be no way out of this difficulty, but by increasing our paper currency, and making it receivable for all debts both public and private. D. W. H.

THE ELECTIONS.

In the late elections in Indiana and Ohio the real issue was scarcely seen. In the first mentioned State there were two tickets in the field on the soft money question, and the withdrawel of Wolcott the Greenback candidate for Governor, left the field mostly to the Democrats. Those Democrats who were defeated in Indiana, were as far as we can learn, all hard money Democrats, and were defeated by soft money Republicans. Had it not been for the withdrawal of Wolcott from the candidacy, the greenback party thus divided would have polled from 20,000 to 30,000 votes.

We are somewhat acquainted with the Governor elect of Indiana. He is not only a soft money man, but worse (or better which it is?) than all, he is a Spiritualist. He was a regular attendant at our lectures in Knox, and contributed his mites in support of them. Of the Republicans elected in Indiana, we believe there is at least three that favor soft money—Hanna, White and Baker—and the only hard money Democrats in the field were defeated.

In Ohio, Ewing a soft-money candidate, was elected. All the Democrats elected in that State were soft money men.

As we look at the issue at present, we can see no reason why Cooper and Cary should not carry both these States in November. In Indiana where the Republicans, half of whom are Greenbackers, and voted with the Republican party in consequence of the withdrawel of Wolcott, cannot hope to carry an electoral ticket, will unite with the Cooper and Cary party which will take thirteen electoral votes out of either of the great party tickets. In such an event the Ohio Democrats, which is the soft money party,

will vote the same way. These two States by withdrawing their support from the minority parties will carry the Cooper ticket, in which case the election will be carried to the House of Representatives, where a compromise, advantageous to the people, must be effected, and a better man—perhaps Peter Cooper—than either Tilden or Hayes will be elected.

D. W. H.

PEOPLE WHO DO NOT VOTE.

THERE is a class of negative Reformers in the world who are always finding fault with Government on account of its wrongs, and who have always been so consistent as to never be guilty of anything they blame others for. These persons never do any harm, and if every body was like them, the world would glide along quite smoothly. But then, while they never have done any harm, they never took any extreme measures to accomplish any good. If you approach them concerning politics, they will answer you, "O, I never voted in my life (or I never voted but — times in my life)—everything in politics and Government is so corrupt that I will have nothing to do with it." Some of these persons come in our office. They tell us that they believe in the principles of the Independent Greenback Party, that Peter Cooper is one of the best men in the world, etc., but then "they won't vote—the Government is so corrupt!" We really pity such inconsistency. Everything in Government is wrong, and they will not attempt to right it when they have a chance! For fear of doing a wrong, they won't vote for a bad man, and for fear of defeating a bad man they won't vote for a good man! Thus these cyphers always manage to get on the wrong side of the digit and detract from, instead of adding to what the workers are doing.

MRS. BENNETT.

The exposure of the West end medium, has been the topic of conversation for over a week past. It is really amusing to see how many curiosity seekers have been taken in by this semi-fraud (for it seemed to be about half genuine and half fraud), and it indicates the low undeveloped condition of Spiritualism. It is a sad fact, and one that we are sorry to relate, that there are quite a number of persons in Boston, who advertise themselves as mediums, but under that profession carry on a far less honorable business. This however, should not deter any one from visiting mediums, for if they are only using mediumship as a cloak, they will soon betray themselves. Whatever crimes may exist among professional medimus the sin lies at the door of their patrons. They have stopped all investigation beyond the return of spirits and investigation except for curiosities sake has ceased.

We suppose that Butler must feel awful when he takes the *Herald* and reads the report of Rev. Henry Morgans speeches against him. Butler had better contribute a little blackmail money to this religious rake. If he loses caste with the hypocrites the Lord only knows what will become of him.

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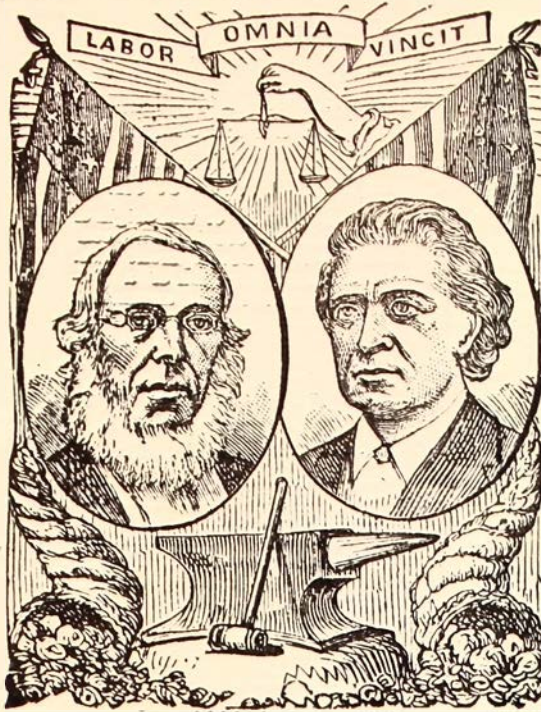
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